

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 THE HA 02347 041103Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----041207Z 124533 /45

R 041022Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0426
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T THE HAGUE 2347

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NMUC, TECH, PARM, NL
SUBJ: NON-PROLIFERATION: EXPANSION OF UCN FACILITIES AT ALMELO

REF: A) THE HAGUE 1959 (NOTAL); B) LONDON 7091

1. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF TO-ING AND FRO-ING, IT NOW LOOKS AS IF THE GON MAY BE READY TO TAKE A DECISION ON ENLARGING THE UCN ULTRA-CENTRIFUGE FACILITIES AT ALMELO. THE DECISION WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE. IT WILL ALSO MEAN GON WILL PROCEED WITH CONTRACT TO ENRICH BRAZILIAN URANIUM.

2. MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LUBBERS HAS INDICATED TO PARLIAMENT THAT THERE ARE NO LONGER ECONOMIC OBSTACLES. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL HAS MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN THE PAST WEEK TO THE EFFECT THAT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT IN PRINCIPLE SATISFACTORY SAFEGUARDS WITH RESPECT TO DELIVERIES OF LOW ENRICHED URANIUM TO BRAZIL IN THE CONTEXT OF FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, THOUGH DETAILS REMAIN TO BE AGREED UPON. THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT THE LATEST TRIPARTITE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON APRIL 19 LED TO COMPLETE AGREEMENT, WITH THE COMMENT THAT BRAZIL WOULD ACCEPT

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 THE HA 02347 041103Z

THE PLANNED SAFEGUARDS. VAN DER STOEL'S MOST RECENT MENTION OF THE ISSUE IN PARLIAMENT AND SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGN SPEECHES HAVE DONE NOTHING TO ALTER THIS IMPRESSION.

3. THE GON, AND PARTICULARLY PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL AND FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, HAVE PUBLICLY AND REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR US OPPOSITION TO THE SPREAD OF

SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY AND FOR US EFFORTS TO REMOVE IT FROM FRG-BRAZILIAN CONTRACT. HOWEVER THEIR APPROACH, WHICH REFLECTS PREDOMINANT VIEW CCROSS MOST THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, IS THAT US EFFORTS ARE TOO LATE. THE TALK HERE THERFORE HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN ABOUT TIGHTENED SAFEGUARDS AS A FALLBACK PENDING ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMETS AS PROPOSED BY US, TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH THE GON WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT. THE DUTCH APPARENTLY CORRECTLY ANTICIPATE THAT FRG WILL NOT REVERSE ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND ON BALANCE PREFER TO REMAIN INVOLVED IN AN ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IN WHICH THEY NOW PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE. WE HAVE ALOS HEARD THAT DUTCH ARE MOTIVATED TO PROCEED WITH ENRICHMENT OF BRAZILIAN URANIUM TO AVOID LARGE PENALTIES WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED SHOULD THEY DECIDE OTHERWISE.

4. WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT TACTIC OF RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS INVOLVED WILL BE TO INTRODUCE COUNTRY IN STAGES TO PROSPECT OF AFFIRMATIVE DECISION ON ALELO ENLARGEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, CURRENT CARETAKER STATUS OF GOVERNMENT TURNS OUT TO BE TACTICALLY USEFUL. SURCES OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT TELL US DECISON IS UNLIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO MAY 25 ELECTIONS, AND STATE SECRETARY KOOIJMANS CONFIRMED THIS TO AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY (REF A). PRE ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT NEVERTHELESS CANNOT BE WHOLLY EXCLUDED, THOUGH IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT DECISON WILL BE MADE KNOWN IN FULL AFTER THE ELECTIONS, WHEN IT DOES NOT RISK UPSETTING CURRENT POLITICAL CALCULATIONS.

5. GON IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR DESIRE, MOST RECENTLY EXPRESSED IN LONDON (REF B), FOR DEFERRAL OF DECISON TO PROCEED WITH
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 THE HA 02347 041103Z

ALMELO ENLARGEMENT IN ORDER TO GIVE US FURTHER TIME TO WORK OUT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WITH BRAZIL. PRESIDENTS STATEMENT TO EUROPEAN TV COMMENTATORS ON MAY 2, HOWEVER IS LIKELY TO BE READ HERE AS AMERICAN ACQUIESCENCE IN FRG-BRAZILIAN DEAL AND MAY WELL LEAVE DUTCH WITH IMPRESSION THAT GOING AHEAD ON ALMELO AND WITH ENRICHMENT OF BRAZILIAN URANIUM WILL NOT BE AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH US.
BROWN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSTRUCTION, NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS, NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, FISSIONABLE MATERIALS
TRANSFER
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 04-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977THEHA02347
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770156-0443
Format: TEL
From: THE HAGUE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770592/aaaadcau.tel
Line Count: 105
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ac3c8c9a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 THE HAGUE 1959, 77 LONDON 7091
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2637738
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NON-PROLIFERATION: EXPANSION OF UCN FACILITIES AT ALMELO
TAGS: PFOR, MNUC, TECH, PARM, NL
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ac3c8c9a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009